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Looks Around Our Town

The Bystander

By JIM CONWAY

The Livingston County Jail is usually at capacity population—so much so that some prisoners must be "boarded out" to other institutions in the area. This costs money and creates hardships all the way around.

For that reason, county officials are studying various methods of "alternate sentencing" whereby prisoners may remain at home and still pay the price that jail terms bring. There is a working program in nearby Genesee County and our officials are looking there for ideas.

Known as "Genesee Justice," the program in that nearby county has become a model. What makes it different from other alternative programs is its emphasis on attending to the victim. According to officials there, victims are given ample opportunity to explain how they were affected by a crime, sometimes even talking with the criminal. Those who go through the program are told about the realities of the justice system, how prison overcrowding tends to shorten sentences, as well as the relative costs of putting a criminal in prison as opposed to alternative forms of punishment.

It is reported many victims feel an alternative sentence is actually harder than sitting in jail. Some feel it is more constructive than spending time in jail. Others weigh the cost of sending someone

to jail (about \$20,000 a year) as opposed to putting an offender on probation for five years, sending him to counseling and requiring community service (about \$3,000 a year). The alternative method sometimes means a combination of house arrest, probation, meeting with the victim, counseling and community service.

In the five and a half years the program has been in place, more than 1,000 people—mostly first-time offenders—have been sent into the community to renovate churches, clean parks and work in town halls.

A program like this may just solve a problem for Livingston County.

We feel neglected and overlooked. That guy down in Rochester who heads International Dull Folks Unlimited failed to place us on his "Ten Dullest Americans" for 1987. That hurts.

Ron Reagan made it, so did Dan Rather and, get this, Oliver North was third. The super bore event of the year was the Super Bowl. We can buy that, but certainly do challenge the individual selections.

The chairman of the board of the Rochester-based organization didn't have to look so far for some really-really dull people. Like falling asleep early on a Saturday night while "Hee Haw" is on the teevee. Now that's dull—just ask

the lady at our house. Oh well, maybe next year.

Spring training for the boys of baseball is just around the corner. It's a great time for the players who sun and tan down south and it's also a great time for the reporters who dig and dig for something off-beat. Like last year when one asked Don Mattingly to comment about his big-buck salary: "Everybody thinks I've changed. But I'm just a boy from the hills of Indiana. If you don't believe me, ask my butler, Reggie Jackson."

The great American pastime, that's baseball. Besides, when they come north, it's spring and who can knock that change of season.

A Duplicate Bridge Club is very active in Genesee. If you're interested contact Kay or Larry Schede of Dansville for information.

Wayland is the hub of potato growing in the Steuben County area and celebrates each year with a popular festival. Apparently, the crop was not always popular in Europe. In 1651, Frederick William I, Monarch of Prussia, threatened to cut off the noses and ears of all those who refused to plant potatoes. Things have changed.

Get ready to welcome a 29-day February. And have a good day and a nice forever.

Sparta Perspective

By RUTH SHAFER
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Cranking open one eye early on a recent morning, I caught a glimpse of another dull gray day, nothing to get excited about.

A while later, viewing it with both eyes as I let the dogs out, I didn't find it any improved. There was not a sign of any break in the cloud cover though a sharp chill in the air did remind me it would be a good idea to stir up the kitchen fire. At least there was no wind, something to be thankful for, and predicted snowfall had not materialized. Might have been nicer if it had.

We haven't had enough snow to be weary of it yet. The day had to be good for something, though. A nice walk to the woods maybe? Goodness knows, I've been talking of such a thing for long enough but had kept putting it off, more from winter inertia than anything else.

There is something about this

season of the year that seems to foster that feeling. You feel there's no need to hurry—plenty of time to do those odd jobs, plenty of time. Procrastination just comes naturally along about now, and feeds voraciously on itself, too, unfortunately. All of a sudden it will be spring and the chores inside still undone and those out of doors start to beckon urgently. Well, isn't that the way it is?

Of course, a walk in the woods is not exactly an imperative thing but it did seem like a good idea this particular morning and, bundled warmly, off we went. He was Charlie and me. How exuberant he was, so full of joy and bounce. This, he knew, was no mere jaunt to the woodpile. This was a walk, for real.

How wrong it was, I thought, to qualify a day just by looking out of the window. It was absolutely lovely. Chilly (28 warm degrees)

but fresh and crisp and aromatic as only a winter day can be. Birds sang in cheery accompaniment to some bawling calves over the way on a nearby farm, distantly barking dogs sounding a staccato counterpoint.

There was this big crow, too, a very friendly fellow, who seemed to be following us and chatting gregariously the whole time. Was it, I wonder, the same one who had sat on an overhanging branch, watching hungrily, as I fed Duketheduck earlier this morning? I had tossed some corn to him, too. Maybe he was saying "thanks" and "lets be friends?"

Charlie kept trying to go in all directions at once, not being able to decide which exciting scent to follow first. (Joey had declined to come in favor of toasting himself by the fire. No cold tramps in the woods for him, no siree.) Charlie does love to explore but not alone. He often tagged after Red, who was an expert at that game, but since she has been gone, Charlie sticks pretty close to home.

It is amazing to find the variety of color to be seen in what you were certain was a dull drab landscape. Faded rose glows along beside creamy white and warm gold-beige. Warm brown mingles among them all. Orange-gold gleams in the willow trees. Leaves underfoot are ruddy gold and in the woods there is the lovely green of the Christmas fern and partridge berry plant.

The openness of winter woods allows a whole different perception of old familiar territory. With leaves no longer shutting off vistas, the twisting paths, the winding creek, all seem a new experience. The closed-in secrecy of summer is gone, the mystery gives way to friendliness. And I've been told quail have been seen up here. I wonder, maybe if I sit very still, I might just see a relative of "That Quail, Robert"—maybe.

The walk back to the house was beautiful. The far hills rose blue as could be, with patches of white here and there. (They always seem to have snow over there, or rain, while we stay dry as a bone.) Winter or not, I thought, the landscape still sings. If its song is muted, it is no less lovely.

West Sparta News

MRS. MILDRED PIKE

PHONE 335-6102

Judy and Kim Conti of Victor visited their aunt and uncle, Tom and Sharon Burr, Sunday. Mary Jo Vernam of Dansville, also was a visitor.

Ryan Burr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burr, visited Saturday with Matt Bassett of Avon, a former neighbor here. They both spent time in Rochester celebrating Matt's 14th birthday.

Ora Mae and Mildred Pike visited Margaret Parker of Perrinton over the weekend and called on Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Rank of Victor. Ora Mae and Margaret attended the funeral of Thomas Hale in Henrietta Saturday. His wife, the former Vesta Green, and cousin to both of them, lived here during her younger life, daughter of Otto and Anise Green of Green Road.

When the family lost their home to a fire, they moved to Auburn. Many area residents remember the Greens when they lived here. Ora Mae and Margaret spent Friday and Saturday nights with Lynn and Jackie Pike of Henrietta.

Mildred Pike spent the weekend with her daughter and family, Keith, Marlene, Mandy and Josh. Freiberg of Walworth and all attended the basketball game at Genesee State with Fredonia State where Debbie Pike played on the Fredonia team. She is Mildred's granddaughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Ayres of Avon spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pragle.

Mildred and George Martin attended the livestock auction along with daughter, Christine Brooks, their granddaughter, Darlene Palmer and brother, Aaron.

Dora Hoffman, who is living at the Livingston County Campus, is a patient at Noyes Memorial Hospital. She lived with Helen Dennison before going to the Campus.

Richard Wallace and son, James, of Genesee called on his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, Sunday.

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NOTICE OF MEETING
There will be a joint meeting of the Village and Town Boards of Nunda on Monday, February 1, 1988, beginning at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall building for the purpose of conducting various Nunda Police Department business. By order of the Nunda Town and Village of Nunda Boards.
Thelma Thompson
Town Clerk
Town of Nunda
1-21-T2E

NOTICE
ALL RESIDENTS
ON DANSVILLE
WATER SYSTEM
On November 9, 1987, there

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was a breakdown in our chlorination system. Hence, there was a violation of the containment level in our water system.
The problem was detected on November 11, 1987 and taken care of immediately. The water was tested and proved to be below containment level.
DANSVILLE WATER DEPT.
VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE
1-28-T1E

LEGAL NOTICE
Meeting Date Change: The Tuesday, February 2, 1988 Town Board meeting of the Town of North Dansville has been changed to Monday, February 1, 1988 at 4:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, Clara Barton Street, Dansville, N.Y.

Timothy R. Wolfanger, Town Clerk
Town of North Dansville
Dansville, NY 14437
1-28-T1E

LEGAL NOTICE
The Livingston County Planning Department is soliciting bids for materials for the use of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program for contracts beginning April 1, 1988 and ending March 31, 1989.
Bidding packages and specifications may be obtained from the Office of Livingston County Planning Department, third floor, Building #2, County Campus, Mt. Morris, New York 14510 between the hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through

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Friday. All bids must be sealed and in the above named office by the end of the working day February 25, 1988. They will be opened no later than 10:00 a.m. on February 28, 1988. All successful bidders will be notified within a reasonable time following an examination of said bid.
All bids awarded, will remain in effect until the end of the contracts on March 31, 1989. The Livingston County Planning Department reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.
Daniel West
Legislative and Public Relations
Committee
Livingston County
Board of Supervisors
1-21-T5E

Miss Agnes Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, left today for Rochester to enter the convent of the Sisters of Mercy.
The Dansville Cemetery Association has named Ray Randall as superintendent of Greenmount

Old Photo Album



HOOP TEAM — In the late 40's and early 50's, Dansville Village and North Dansville Town cooperated in a Youth Recreation Program. Included were playground activities in summer and well-organized indoor programs in winter. Basketball held top spot in popularity. Here a group of hoopers posed for the cameraman after setting an excellent record. Kneeling are (from left) Ron Jerome, Duane Towne and Leonard Mastin. Standing are Don Vogt, John Wolf and Harold Gibson (Wilfred J. Rauber)

Yesteryears — A Look at History

Old Zimmerhackle — Observations, philosophy, humor and advice by Joseph W. Burgess, co-founder and editor of the *Breeze* before the turn of the century.

Sympathy is due the horse of the man whose wife is the boss of the house. The horse takes the poundings he longs to give his wife.

Men used to be martyrs to the burning stake. Now they are martyrs to the burned steak.

A \$2 overcoat will keep a man warmer than a pawn ticket for a fur-lined one.

The only rights some married women have are funeral rites.

—J.W.B.
—1898—
Wayland's village population is now set at 1,075.

The James McCurdy farm above the Artman mill has been leased to Jonas Hamsher.

The pupils of St. Mary's School took a sleigh ride to Wayland yesterday. There were half a dozen big loads of them and they made a noisy jolly company.

The Herrick livery auction last Saturday brought more men to town than have been here since the fair. They drove in from all quarters and early in the day every horse shed in town was full. The horses sold at good prices.

—1908—
Go to the Baptist Church next Thursday and get your money's worth — a good supper for only 15 cents.

After a drizzling rain Sunday night the temperatures dropped and so did many pedestrians on the icy sidewalks Monday morning.

A. J. Werdein, Peter Axe and George Shafer attended the big cement show at Buffalo last week.
E. H. Maloney, James D. Fini, Fred Culbertson and Clement Everman left today for New York City to attend the large sale of horses that is to take place in Madison Square Garden.

—1918—
The nurses of 12 hospitals in Western New York want an eight-hour day.

Mrs. David Wall of New York spent Sunday at St. Patrick's rectory, guest of the Rev. M. C. Wall, his mother and sisters. Mrs. Wall went to Rochester Monday to fill a three-night engagement at the Lyceum in "The Irish 15th." Her stage name is Margaret Vollmer.

Because of the severe cold and high winds, the village trustees have appointed two extra night watchmen to report any outbreak of fire. A car with a chemical engine attached is stationed at the village building with a driver in constant attendance.

—1928—
Miss Agnes Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, left today for Rochester to enter the convent of the Sisters of Mercy.
The Dansville Cemetery Association has named Ray Randall as superintendent of Greenmount

Cemetery, succeeding Philip Kinney who had served in that capacity since 1900.

—1938—
Leon W. Schwndler, assistant cashier of the Merchants and Farmers National Bank, has been elected president of the Livingston County Bankers Association.

George L. Krein and Charles Knappenberg announce the formation of the co-partnership to conduct a general insurance agency at 125 Main St. Mr. Krein in 1892 took over the insurance business of his father, James, which was started in 1866. Mr. Knappenberg started his insurance business in 1914.

—1948—
Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Molyneux, a son.

Rehearsals are in progress for the Knights of Columbus Minstrels to be staged in the high school auditorium.

Dansville is digging out from a 12-inch snow fall that blanketed the area over the weekend.

The Protectives Fire Co. will observe the 72nd anniversary of its founding Feb. 4 at a dinner party.

—1958—
John J. Wellington, 83, onetime employee of the F. A. Owen Publishing Co. and former contributor to the Express, died Sunday while attending a church school in Rochester. Several years ago, he authored a biography of F. A. Owen which appeared in the Express. He worked on several newspapers in Western New York and was managing editor at the Owen Co. for several years.

Rev. Irvin W. Underhill, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Nunda, will be guest speaker for the annual Lincoln Day Dinner here Feb. 12.

With most Dansville cars snowed in over the weekend by the snowstorm, the worst of the season, the net local accident toll was one pair of dented fenders and no injuries.

Richard Roberts of Dansville was elected a director of the Western New York Nurserymen's Association during the annual meeting Friday in Rochester.

—1968—
Gerald Chamberlin has been appointed general chairman for the United Fund campaign which will attempt to raise \$30,000 here. John Kowan is vice-chairman.
Clarence Sahrle was elected president of St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council at a meeting Wednesday night. Charles Howe is the vice-president.

Dansville won the team championship and Ray West and Bob Barnhart captured individual titles in the Livingston County Tournament conducted in Livonia Saturday.

The Rev. C. Dalton Scott, pastor of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, will deliver the sermon at the second annual Interfaith Community Service tomorrow in St. Mary's Church.

—1978—
The second major snow storm of

the week zapped Dansville with nearly two feet of snow Friday, making everyone unhappy except the school children who gained early dismissal from classes.

Dansville's teacher of the year, Mrs. Jean Ulyette, was named the Genesee Valley Teachers Association teacher of the year last week.

For the first time in its 153-year history — so far as is known — the Dansville Presbyterian Church this year will have a Board of Deacons. The congregation at its annual meeting Jan. 18 approved a request of the church Session that such a board be constituted.

Mrs. Kathy Bacon will again direct activities as president of Noyes Memorial Hospital Auxiliary during 1978.

Editor's Mailbox

Our Readers
Speak Out

The students of the Dansville Senior High School International Club would like to thank the hundreds of people who endured the crowded conditions, during the first show of the Cole All-Star Circus Saturday night, and especially the many hundreds more who waited patiently for the second showing. The attendance was far more than we had anticipated. Due to the confusion of the large number of people who came, the winners to the "Color the Clown" contest were not announced during the first show. Some were located, but the following children may pick up their prizes at the Dansville Senior High Office. Brandon William Crandall, age 4; Dennis Westfall, age 5; Tiffany Kennedy, age 6; Jennifer Collins, age 7.

Again, the International Club regrets the inconveniences of the evening but will schedule a matinee for the younger children when the Cole All-Star Circus appears again in Dansville in two years. Our thanks to all who came. Hope you enjoyed the show!
Nancy Wetterhahn
International Club Advisor

Editor, The EXPRESS.
Many thanks to the window washer at Key Bank. He made my day Saturday by changing my flat tire. He made it possible for me to report to my volunteer job at Noyes on time. Again I say thank you.
Olive B. Johnson
Dansville

DATE BOOK

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day, in 1968, the U.S. space shuttle Challenger exploded, killing its seven crew members.